

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

PATENT APPLICATION OF:	)
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JENS MULLER,	) Group Art Unit 1745
PETER URBAN,	)
REGINA WEZEL,	) Examiner D. Yuan
KEVIN M. COLBOW and	)
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## PETITION FOR THREE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

Mail Stop RCE Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

## Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.136, Applicants hereby request a three-month extension of time to respond to the Office Action, made final, dated July 24, 2003. A Request For Continued Examination and Response and Request for Reconsideration (Submission with Request for Continued Examination) accompany this Petition.

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A check in the amount of \$1720.00 to cover the RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) (\$750.00) and the fee for extension within third month (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17) (\$950.00) accompanies this Petition. Please charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-0017.

Respectfully submitted,

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